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4th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Economic and Community Development Committee, Vice-Chair • Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning Committee • Finance Committee

Dear Neighbor,

Hello, I hope that everyone has gotten into the swing of things with school starting and the weather changing. I have been incredibly busy with the honor of serving as your County Supervisor and I am excited to share a few of the things that our office has accomplished, as well as what are our policy goals and priorities are moving forward.

I am so pleased to announce that the Board has adopted my proposal to declare a "Right to Counsel" for all Milwaukee County Residents facing eviction or foreclosure. This is a big, significant measure. But it's part of a larger investment which includes both continued rent assistance and investment further upstream in human needs. I'm confident that the data that we collect during this pilot program will compel us to continue and expand this support beyond these first 18 months.

The measure had broad community support: advocates from Legal Action Wisconsin, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Democratic Socialists of America, Milwaukee Autonomous Tenants Union, The Peoples Revolution, American Civil Liberties Union, and Street Angels, Inc. spoke to the importance and impact of the proposal and the

United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County pledged a minimum of \$1.5 million dollars over five years.

I was dismayed by the drastic lifeguard shortage and how that negatively impacted the community. Milwaukee County Parks only had four pools open and no lifeguards at the beaches. I, along with Supervisors Cullen and Shea, authored a resolution that raises the pay of lifeguards to be competitive and reflective of the amount of training it takes to be a lifeguard. This resolution also passed and I look forward to many more pools opening next summer.

Although we've accomplished a great deal with your support and advocacy, we still have much work to do. I am committed to the vision of Milwaukee County of achieving racial equity, making Milwaukee the healthiest county in Wisconsin. In service of this, I have authored two resolutions concerning the House of Corrections. The first is to provide free phone visitation minutes to incarcerated individuals and the second is to limit the prices in commissary to normal retail prices.

These measures, while clearly not enough, are a good start to relieving some of the incredible burden that families with incarcerated members face, and I am hopeful to continue this meaningful work.

I am honored to serve as your County Supervisor, and I hope you and your family have much to celebrate.

Sincerely,

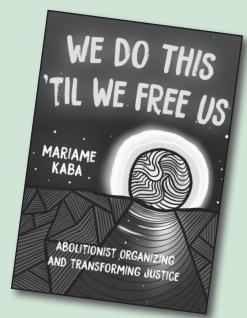
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Milwaukee County Book Club

Over 6 weeks, I had the honor of organizing and taking part in a book club led by Devin Anderson of the African American Round Table. We read "We Do This 'Til We Free Us: Abolitionist Organizing and Transforming Justice" written by Mariame Kaba.



It was wonderful to deepen my understanding of abolitionist work while also engaging meaningfully with Milwaukee County residents. Thank you to all those who took part.

COVID-19, Structural Deficit Make for Difficult 2022 County Budget

Setting and adopting a balanced budget is the most important task that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors take on each year. The process includes a presentation from the County Executive on the proposed budget, hours of meetings of the Finance Committee where numerous amendments are considered, a public hearing where the County Board hears from members of the community, and adoption of a finalized budget.

As a part of Milwaukee County's declaration of racism as a public health crisis in 2019, this year's proposed budget was developed using a racial equity lens and centered on three strategic focus areas: create intentional inclusion, bridge the gap, and invest in equity. Details on the county's strategic focus areas can be found at **county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Vision**.

Milwaukee County's budget continues to be further complicated by an ongoing structural deficit caused by state revenue caps and the increased cost of state mandated services. On average, county revenues grow by only 1% per year while expenses are expected to increase by 2.4%, the rate of inflation. The estimated operating budget gap for 2022 is \$20.3 million, and 2022 capital project requests exceeded available funding by \$78 million.

Rather than making significant cuts to the Sheriff's Department, jail and administration, as the public has indicated for years are priorities, prior budgets have led to reductions in services countywide, including those areas that residents consistently ask for more investment in: parks, transit, housing and mental health. The county has also reduced its real estate footprint by 1.6 million square feet, reduced staff by 1,400 employees, and

deferred \$35 million in maintenance, among other measures. Because the County decided not to use the Balancing Act tool this year to gather input from residents on budget priorities, it's more important than ever to reach out to the full Board of Supervisors directly and to testify in listening sessions.

With no tools to compensate for increasing costs and added needs, the county's financial cliff grows steeper. By 2027, Milwaukee County will have no local money to fund many of its priorities that are not state-mandated services.

Milwaukee County will receive a total of \$183 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The county received half of its allocation in May, with the other half expected in May 2022. ARPA will provide the county with a needed boost in funds to help recover from the pandemic, but the county's actual revenue loss is estimated to be nearly double the amount received from ARPA. This one-time infusion of cash can only be used through 2024 and will not solve the county's structural budget problem.

However, it is still very important to spend this money investing in people and the services we know to be important, like parks, transit, housing and mental health. Find more information on the ARPA Taskforce and now to be involved in that decision making here: **county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce**

You can find out how to help solve Milwaukee County's mounting budget issues by visiting **moveforwardmke.com**.

Insight From the House of Correction

On September 8th, Supervisor Clancy had lunch with people currently in our care at the Milwaukee County House of Corrections. The lunch pictured is a "salad," fruit cup, roll and unclear meat entrée. The food was nearly inedible, forcing residents to instead supplement their diets through abovemarket price purchases at the commissary.

Both the commissary and the food service are contracted through Aramark Food Services. Supervisor Clancy got more



insight into how a vendor monopoly can lead to a lot of private profit on the backs of the families of incarcerated individuals. Clancy used this insight to successfully advocate for the passage of a resolution which limits the prices that private vendors can charge in our facilities, and is working on further harm reduction.

Sup. Clancy also met with HOC leadership at length after lunch to discuss both the staffing shortage and how we can better help our incarcerated neighbors successfully re-enter the community.



2021 Legislative Items Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Supervisor Clancy

21-83 - A resolution to create one Community Intervention Specialist position, effective February 21, 2021, in the Department of Health and Human Services - Housing Division, and authorizing an appropriation transfer of \$48,042 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 8529 to fund the position for the remainder of 2021 (Signed by County Executive on 2/22/2021).

21-389 - A resolution committing Milwaukee County to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 and requesting the Director of Sustainability, Department of Administrative Services, develop and administer a strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and

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Of the nearly 90 resolutions, amendments and ordinances that Supervisor Clancy has authored or co-sponsored, here are some of the highlights.



• A resolution advancing racial equity by honoring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and condemning racially motivated violence and hatred



• A resolution calling for the State of Wisconsin and Federal Government to legally end qualified immunity, enabling civil lawsuits against law enforcers for misconduct and malpractice.



• A resolution declaring a "Right to Counsel" for residents of Milwaukee County facing eviction or foreclosure.



 A resolution in support of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers; calling upon the United States Federal Government to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.



 A resolution to create one Community Intervention Specialist position, which is a continuation of our promise of a "Right to Shelter", and added to our capacity to serve people without housing.

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3021) in Org. Unit 5740, Department of Administrative Services, Facilities Management Division, Section on Architecture, Engineering and Environmental Services and funding the 2021 salary cost, and the replacement of outdated, inefficient equipment with modern technology, with a transfer of \$67,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies, easing the surveyal of Milwaukee County Parks properties and other County projects (Signed by County Executive 7/13/2021).

Human Needs to include Strategic Planning by amending Chapters 1, 23, 46, 53, 73, and 97 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (Signed by County Executive on 4/7/2021).

21-378 - A resolution reaffirming Milwaukee County's opposition to further expansion of Interstate 94 (Adopted by County Board on 3/25/2021).





IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to

get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: **www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1**.



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Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

- 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.
 - Apply October 1 May 15.
 - Visit KeepWarmMKE.org or
 - Call 270-4MKE (4653). Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

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Service Guide for 4th District Milwaukee County Residents

4th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Ryan Clancy	278-4232
Airports Mitchell International Airport Timmerman Airport	
Child Support Enforcement	615-2593
Clerk of Circuit Court	278-5362
County Clerk	278-4067
County Executive	278-4211
County Treasurer	278-4033
Courts Civil Division (small & large claims) Criminal Division Children's Court	278-4538
Department on Aging	289-6874
Department of Health and Human Services	289-6877
District Attorney's Office	278-4646
Election Commission	278-4060
Emergency/Public Safety Sheriff (non-emergency) TDD Emergency	

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)	. 272-2876
Emergency Management (24 hours)	. 257-4709
Suicide Prevention/Intervention	
Mental Health Crisis	. 257-7222
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Fraud Hotline	.93-FKAUD
House of Correction	. 427-4700
Jury Services	
General Information	. 278-4469
Reserve Juror Message	. 985-6000
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Marcus Center for the Performing Arts	2/3-/121
Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic	. 278-4067
Medical Examiner	. 223-1200
Mental Health Complex	
General Information	. 257-6995
Admitting (Emergency)	
Milwaukee Art Museum	. 224-3200
Milwaukee County Historical Society	. 273-8288
Milwaukee County Parks	
Boerner Botanical Gardens	. 525-5600
General Information	
Parks Hotline	. 257-5100
Golf Office	257_8024

District 4 Parks Baran Park (2600 S. Chase Ave.)
South Shore Park (2900 S. Shore Dr.)
Milwaukee County Zoo 771-3040
Milwaukee County Sports Complex 281-2694
Milwaukee Public Museum
Municipality Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council
Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932
Register in Probate
Register of Deeds
Rent Assistance
Transit System Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares
UW-Extension
Veterans Services
Victim/Witness Service278-4667